

2011 S.C. RADON POSTER CONTEST



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Alec of Guthrie, OK



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The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control in partnership with The Upstate South Carolina Home Inspector Association is sponsoring its fourth statewide radon poster contest. Help spread an important public health message by entering this contest!

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that forms when uranium breaks down in rocks and soil. Radon gas moves through the ground to the surface and can enter homes and buildings. There is no way to know the radon level unless it is tested. Testing for radon is important because radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

The Contest and Prizes:

The S.C. poster contest will have three winners chosen by a judging panel.

- First place will receive \$250 cash and \$250 to the school.
- Second place will receive \$150 cash and \$150 to the school.
- Third place will receive \$100 cash and \$100 to the school.

A ceremony will honor the winners. The state contest prizes are being sponsored by The Upstate South Carolina Home Inspector Association. All winners will be entered into the National Radon Poster Contest sponsored by Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The winning national poster will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in January 2011. The national winner, a parent and teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ceremony. The national winning poster will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

Eligibility:

Children ages 9-14, enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, home school, or through a sponsoring club (such as an art, computer, or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H Club) are eligible.

Poster Topics:

One of the following radon topics must be depicted in the artwork:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

Artwork Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Must not have student's name on the front of the artwork.
- Posters should have a title on the front.
- The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at www.scdhec.gov/radon).
- Be on white paper. Size preferred is 12x8 or 8.5x11 but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

Entry Submission:

- Entries can be submitted after March 1, 2010 but before October 15, 2010.
- Only one entry may be submitted per child.
- The Artwork Submission Form must be completed and legible, and submitted with the poster (preferably taped to the back of the poster).
- The Artwork Submission Form is available at www.scdhec.gov/radon.

The poster entry and Artwork Submission Form must be received no later than October 15, 2010. Submit all entries to: S.C. Radon Poster Contest, S.C. DHEC, 301 University Ridge, Ste. 5800, Greenville, S.C. 29601.

Additional Information

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